GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Premature Deaths
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether approx. 1.6 million premature deaths per year in India are caused due to health issues from air pollution, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of speciality treatments and related infrastructure available in the country to fight the above menace; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure availability of treatment facilities for air pollution in far flung villages and to bring down mortality rate due to air pollution?

Answer

STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c): As per Global Burden of Disease Study in 2010, approximately 1.6 million premature deaths (under 70 years of age) are attributable to household and ambient air pollution in India. Diseases attributable to air pollution include chronic respiratory diseases, pneumonia in Children and asthma, which are treated at various public health facilities in the country. A Steering Committee of experts was constituted in January, 2014 to assess the extent of the problem and suggest action plan to mitigate adverse health impacts. The Committee submitted report in August, 2015 and the same was accepted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in December, 2015. The Report has been circulated to all concerned Ministries for appropriate action. Following the recommendations of the Committee, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), which is mainly attributed to air pollution, has been included under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke.
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